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SUBJECT: VISIT BY AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMPHASIS OF MAY 11-14 OFFICIAL VISIT BY AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR KREISKY WAS ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. PROTOCOL ON THIS SUBJECT ALONG WITH CONSULAR AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT ON RECOGNITION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS WAS SIGNED. ON POLITICAL SIDE, JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSED PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BUT BASICALLY WAS INNOCUOUS FORMULATIONS COVERING DIVERGING VIEWS. ALL-IN-ALL VISIT WAS PROBABLY QUITE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMPHASIS OF VISIT WAS ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WITH  
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BULGARIANS BILLING AUSTRIA AS THIRD LARGEST WESTERN TRADING

PARTNER. KREISKY IN INTERVIEW SAID THERE COULD BE COOPERATION "WITH NEW FORMS IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, METALLURGY, MACHINE BUILDING, AND TOURISM AS WELL AS JOINT ECONOMIC INITIATIVES IN THIRD COUNTRIES". FOLLOWING USUAL BULGARIAN PRACTICE NO DETAILS OF ECONOMIC PROTOCOL THAT WAS SIGNED WERE RELEASED.

3. AUSTRIAN

EMBOFF TOLD EMBOFF THAT PROTOCOL DID REFER TO THIRD COUNTRY JOINT PROJECTS AND EXPLAINED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE FORESEEN. HE ALSO SAID PROTOCOL COVERED TWO BILLION AUSTRIAN SCHILLING LINE OF CREDIT AT 6.5 PERCENT INTEREST OVER PERIOD OF NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN 1976-80. LATTER NECESSARY TO FINANCE BULGARIAN IMBALANCE IN BI-LATERAL TRADE WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF \$100 MILLION TOTAL TRADE IN 1974.

4. CONSULAR AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED AFTER TEN YEAR DISCUSSION, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN EMBOFF, WHEN BULGARIANS FINALLY ACCEPTED WHAT IS IN EFFECT BI-LATERAL VERSION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION. AGREEMENT ON RECOGNITION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FACILITATES ENTRY OF BULGARIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES INTO AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES.

5. THERE ARE NO BI-LATERAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS TROUBLING AUSTRIAN-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZED "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL STRUCTURES" AND DETENTE. CSCE AND ARMS LIMITATION CONFERENCE WERE FAVORABLY MENTIONED, AND, AT AUSTRIAN SUGGESTION THERE WAS A PARAGRAPH EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR "CONVENING IN VERY NEAR FUTURE OF WELL-PREPARED WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES, INCLUDING ALL NUCLEAR POWERS".

6. ON SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS, REFERRED TO IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, BULGARIAN LINE WAS ATTENUATED BY AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY. ON NEAR EAST, TWO COUNTRIES EXPRESSED "THEIR POSITIONS" ON WAYS TO REACH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A "JUST AND LASTING PEACE", AND ON CYPRUS THEY SUPPORTED ADHERENCE TO UN RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, AUSTRIANS DID MAKE ONE CONCESSION TO BULGARIANS IN LATTER'S FAVORITE THEME OF BULGARIAN GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY IN BALKANS. IN ANNOYANCE AT YUGOSLAV ATTACK DURING KREISKY'S VISIT ON AUSTRIA ON OCCASION OF TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF STATE TREATY, AUSTRIANS AGREED TO DESCRIBE BULGARIAN BALKAN POLICY AS

"CONSTRUCTIVE", SOMETHING WHICH AUSTRIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY  
REFUSED TO DO AND WITH WHICH BULGARIANS HAD ALREADY  
RECONCILED THEMSELVES ON THIS OCCASION.

7. VISIT SERVED TO FURTHER BI-LATERAL RELATIONS WHICH  
KREISKY IN TOAST STATED HAD SHOWN PROGRESS IN LAST FEW  
YEARS "WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE". BASIS WAS LAID FOR  
CONTINUED EXPANSION OF TRADE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF VISIT  
WENT SMOOTHLY. BULGARIANS, IN ADDITION TO SATISFACTION  
WITH ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF VISIT, UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO SAW IT  
AS CONTRIBUTING TO EFFORT TO GAIN INCREASING ACCEPTABILITY  
AND RESPECTABILITY ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE. SIGNIFICANT  
THAT ALTHOUGH KREISKY NOT CHIEF OF STATE, PRESIDENT  
ZHIVKOV HOSTED DINNER FOR HIM AND ATTENDED OTHER FUNCTIONS  
IN HIS HONOR.  
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